

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A fruit press, comprising:
a centrally arranged element projecting upward from a base to a tip and having an outer surface for the pressing of fruit;
an annular surface surrounding said element base;
said element having ridges on said outer surface running from said base substantially to said tip;
trough-like recesses formed in said outer surface between said ridges; and
said trough-like recesses having a concave arcuate cross-section bowing inwardly between the corresponding ridges substantially in the form of a circle.

8. (previously presented) The fruit press according to claim 7, including said centrally arranged element is formed substantially conical and projects upward from said base to a centrally located tip and said ridges run up to said tip.

9. (currently amended) The fruit press according to claim 7, including said centrally arranged element is formed substantially hollow inside with an outer wall having said outer surface and includes a hollow central shaft extending through the substantially hollow inside of the element with an outer wall and an inner wall adapted to fit onto a drive shaft for the press.

10. (previously presented) The fruit press according to claim 9, including said centrally arranged element has reinforcing walls formed between said hollow central shaft outer wall and said element outer wall.

11. (previously presented) The fruit press according to claim 10, including said hollow central shaft is formed with an angular cross-section outer wall.

12. (previously presented) The fruit press according to claim 11, including said reinforcing walls join said hollow central shaft outer wall substantially perpendicular.